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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS - AFGHANISTAN

1. AMBASSADOR ELIOT MET OCTOBER 4 IN NEW YORK WITH SAMAD GHAUS, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL AND UN AFFAIRS, AFGHAN MFA, AND MEMBER AFGHAN UNGA DELEGATION. DURING CONVERSATION, GHAUS INDICATED THAT PROSPECTS FOR NARCOTICS PROGRAM FOR AFGHANISTAN ARE GOOD UNDER NEW REGIME, AND THAT GOA EN-VISAGES PROCEEDING IN JANUARY WITH MEETING FOR BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL DONORS. AMBASSADOR ELIOT INFORMED GHAUS OF TENTATIVE PLANS TO VISIT GENEVA EN ROUTE KABUL EARLY NOVEMBER FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH UN NARCOTICS OFFICIALS, WHICH GHAUS ENDORSED. GHAUS SAID HE WOULD BE RETURNING TO KABUL IN LATE NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER AND INDICATED HE WOULD
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CONTINUE TO BE PRINCIPAL COORDINATOR FOR NARCOTICS EFFORT

IN GOA.

2. IN PREPARATION FOR AMBASSADOR'S DEPARTURE, S/NM AND NEA ARE HOLDING DISCUSSIONS AND TENTATIVELY PLAN TO CONVENE INTERAGENCY NARCOTICS COMMITTEE TO EXPLORE NEW STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPING NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM IN AFGHANISTAN. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KABUL'S RECOMMENDATIONS OR COMMENTS ON (A) PROSPECTS FOR NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT UNDER NEW REGIME WITH ASSESSMENT OF TIME REQUIRED TO GET PROGRAM MOVING; (B) POSTURE US SHOULD ASSUME WITH AFGHANS IN LIGHT OF

DIRECT AND INDIRECT COMMENTS WE HAVE REGARDING GOA'S DESIRE TO OBTAIN UNREALISTICALLY LARGE DEVELOPMENT AID COMMITMENTS IN PRODUCING AREAS; (C) MODIFICATIONS, IF ANY, OF PREVIOUS PLAN FOR COORDINATED APPROACH AND ASSISTANCE PACKAGE UNDER UN UMBRELLA (IF DESIRABLE OR REQUIRED BY NEW CIRCUMSTANCES); AND (D) WHETHER SITUATION CLEAR ENOUGH TO DETERMINE USG BILATERAL PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS, EITHER IN CONTENT OR TIMING. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS NLT COB OCTOBER 12.

3. FOR GENEVA: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER AMBASSADOR'S PLANS TO VISIT GENEVA WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5 CONVENIENT. ALTERNATIVE TIMING DIFFICULT, BUT IT ESSENTIAL THAT BETTY GOUGH, MARTENS OR OTHER APPROPRIATE UNFDAC OFFICIALS BE AVAILABLE.

4. AMBASSADOR ELIOT ALSO CONSIDERING VISIT TO BONN TO DISCUSS FRG POLICE ADVISORY ROLE AFTER STOPOVER GENEVA, IF CONDITIONS WARRANT. WOULD APPRECIATE GENEVA'S ADVICE AS TO WHETHER BONN VISIT WOULD BE DESIRABLE AT THAT TIME.
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